

# Welcome to the WNY Young Writers' Studio!



## **We can't wait to meet you!**

Welcome to Studio! Our sessions are kept intentionally small in order to foster the kind of relationships and learning that might just last a lifetime. We're certain you will feel very much at home within our group, and we are all looking forward to helping you become an important part of our work together.

## **You can begin getting acquainted with Studio by visiting our online communities:**

This is a protected space which will require you to register a password. There is no cost to join, and once inside, you'll be able to view our pictures, connect to other writers, and create your very own page where you can tell us more about yourself, the things you enjoy doing, and your goals as a writer. Visit <http://wnyywss.ning.com> to join us.

You can also learn more about us by reading through last summer's blog postings and updates. You may begin your reading here: <http://wnyyws.org/blog>

Studio is also on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/y65ucaf>

## **Enclosed you will find:**

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

An Enrollment Form that Must Be Completed

A Photo/Video Release that Must Be Completed

Directions to all of our locations

Please Return the Enrollment Form and Release Form to

Angela Stockman  
94 McKinley Avenue  
Kenmore, New York 14217

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How old should writers be in order to attend Studio?**

Students who will be entering grades 1 through 12 are invited to join us. Separate sessions will be held for students entering grades 1-5 and 6-12. Writers may select sessions and locations that are convenient to them.

- **Do children have to be strong writers in order to attend?**

The purpose of the studio is to nurture each writer's love of the process. Writers of all experience and proficiency levels are most welcome to attend, and care will be taken to ensure that every member of the group feels valued and encouraged. We're here to have fun and grow together over time.

- **Can writers bring their own laptops?**

Yes, participants are welcome to bring their own laptops or any other writing tool that enables them to do their work comfortably. Please understand that participants are responsible for their own belongings, however. A memory stick will be provided to all writers who work with us at the Cheektowaga Central location this year, in order to ensure that the drafts they begin on computers can be transported home.

- **Will snacks be provided?**

Yes, we will be providing daily snacks. Writers are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, however.

- **Is financial assistance available?**

If your student or child would like to attend the studio sessions but cannot afford the registration fee, please note this on the registration form. Spaces will be reserved for students in need of financial aid, and in these cases, the fee will be waived entirely. These spaces will be assigned to those who register first.

- **How do the year-round sessions work?**

Dates for the year-round session will be announced by the end of our first summer week together. Studio fellows will meet from 9:00-11:00 am OR from 12pm-2:00pm on a Saturday during each of the following months: October, December, February, and April. Our June session, which is a celebration of writing, will be held in a space where writers from both our Kenan Center and Cheektowaga locations can meet. This will be announced soon.

- **What is expected of each writer?**

While writers are not expected to write a certain type or number of pieces, they are expected to behave as kind and supportive community members. We've never hosted a negative participant before, but please know that writers who chose to violate our expectations regarding positive behavior may be asked to leave at the director's discretion, and reimbursements will not be provided. ***If you question your child's ability to behave well, please do not send him or her to Studio.***

- **What supplies do writers need?**

All writers are provided the materials that they will need on the first day of Studio. It is very important for writers to bring these materials with them each day!

- **How does arrival and departure occur?**

Parents are invited to accompany children to the start of each session. Late arrival is discouraged, as we will be moving about each campus, and our groups may be hard to find. Departure from Studio must happen in a timely manner each day. If you intend to be more than five minutes late, please notify the teacher. Additional fees may be assigned.

- **How are teachers selected?**

Studio teachers are New York State certified, experienced teachers who are practicing in local school districts. Every teacher in our program is a fellow of our community. They participate in comprehensive training and receive mentoring throughout the year.

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## Enrollment Form

Please complete this enrollment form and send to:

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Name of Writer Attending Studio: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 2010-2011: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Phone Numbers:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address:

\*It is critical that a current email address is on file, as ALL Studio communications, including announcements, reminders, updates, and newsletters, are sent via email.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Information

Please list the name and contact number for someone other than the child's parents:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information:

Please list all medical issues, including allergies, chronic illnesses, and other concerns:

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Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Learning Style and Needs

Please use the space below to describe the writer's unique strengths or areas of giftedness. You may also share his or her specific preferences as a learner and writer and any known learning disabilities. If your child has an IEP and there are specific program modifications that your school provides, you may include details about this as well, if you wish. This information will help us make the Studio experience as positive and rewarding as possible for each writer. You may also prefer to contact Angela directly to discuss your ideas or concerns prior to the start of the session. Thanks for your help!

**WNY Young Writers' Studio**  
**Photo and Video Release Form**

Subject's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of the subject named above, hereby give Angela Stockman the right and permission to publish photographs and videos taken from July 2011-June 2012 at the WNY Young Writers' Studio Sessions, held in Cheektowaga and Lockport, New York.

These photographs may be used in Studio newsletters, electronic publications, or in audio-visual presentations, promotional literature, or the news media.

**CIRCLE ONE:** My child's name MAY, MAY NOT be listed with published photographs or video.

I hereby warrant that I am over eighteen (18) years of age, and I am competent to contract in my own name.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Above (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Date/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact can be reached at (circle): home/work

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclaimer: the above information is held in confidence and is never released or sold.

# **How to Find WNYYSWS:**

## **\*Rooms will be announced soon!\***

### **The Kenan Center**

433 Locust Street, Lockport, NY

You may insert your starting location here to receive driving directions:

<http://tinyurl.com/y33ltpt>

### **Union East Elementary School, Cheektowaga Central School District**

3550 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY

You may insert your starting location here to receive driving directions:

<http://tinyurl.com/4h9uakm>